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Title : METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR MECHANICAL AND CHEMICAL-
MECHANICAL PLANARIZATION OF MICROELECTRONIC-DEVICE SUBSTRATE
ASSEMBLIES ON PLANARIZING PADS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97 through 1.98, applicants wish to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office the references set forth on the attached form PTO-1449. This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing dates of prior Application No. 10/300,344, filed November 19, 2002, which is a divisional of Application No. 09/854,390, filed May 11, 2001, U.S. Patent No. 6,638,148, which is a continuation of Application No. 09/164,915, filed October 1, 1998, U.S. Patent No. 6,250,994. The references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were submitted to and/or cited by the Patent and Trademark Office in these prior applications and, therefore, are not required to be provided in this application. If the Examiner wishes, copies will be provided upon request. Although the aforesaid references are made known to the Patent and Trademark Office in compliance with applicants' duty to disclose all information they are aware of which is believed relevant to the examination of the above-identified application, applicants believe that their invention is patentable.

Applicants also wish to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that applications, Serial No. 09/854,245, Serial No. 09/854,282, and Serial No. 09/854,353, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application,

were filed on May 11, 2001. These related applications, which are divisional applications of above-referenced Application No. 09/164,915, filed October 1, 1998, issued June 26, 2001 as Patent No. 6,250,994, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. The specification, claims, abstract and drawings of these related applications as filed are identical to those currently on file in the instant application as filed, therefore a duplicate copy is not submitted herewith.

Applicants also wish to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that applications, Serial No. 10/300,220, Serial No. 10/300,268, Serial No. 10/300,372, Serial No. 10/300,366 and Serial No. 10/300,303, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, were filed on November 19, 2002. These related applications, which are divisional applications of above-referenced Application No. 09/854,390, filed May 11, 2001, issued October 28, 2003 as Patent No. 6,638,148, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. The specification, claims, abstract and drawings of these related applications as filed are identical to those currently on file in the instant application as filed, therefore a duplicate copy is not submitted herewith.

Please acknowledge receipt of this Information Disclosure Statement and kindly make the cited references of record in the above-identified application.

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